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The Professional Military Comptroller School (PMCS) focuses on improving an individual's capacity to adapt the comptroller's role to the economic, political, and technical environment of the military organization. Taught at the graduate level, PMCS is designed to expand the resource manager's knowledge of issues and policies affecting defense resource allocation and military readiness. PMCS also enhances, with a generalist perspective, the individual's comprehension of the academic disciplines essential to effective comptrollership.

The school conducts two courses: a six-week course five times a year, and a two-week Guard and Reserve course once a year. The six-week course provides professional development education for mid-career and senior financial managers within the DoD. The approximately 60 students in each PMCS class come from all Services and Agencies of DoD. Student mix is about 25 percent military and 75 percent civilian. The target grades for attendance are Major through Colonel and GS-12 through GS-15. Captain and GS-11 selections are made on an exception basis; time-in-grade, experience, and strong endorsements are the determining factors. In addition, attendance is authorized for personnel outside the comptroller career area who are endorsed by the major command or agency comptroller. Students are selected by their respective Service based on the availability of quotas and the potential student's credentials.

One highlight of PMCS is its ability to rotate faculty members, providing new and expanded opportunities to those in the financial career field, while allowing others to depart with a greater breadth of knowledge and influence. We extend special thanks, best wishes, and sincere farewells to Maj Dianne Armon and Mr Mark McLeod. Both made significant contributions to PMCS during their time at Maxwell AFB. Dianne's new assignment takes her to DFAS Headquarters, Arlington VA, and Mark's sends him to Hill AFB UT. We extend a hearty welcome to Lt Col (S) Mark Patterson, USAF, from Eglin AFB FL, LCDR Yolanda McCarden, USN, from the Military Entrance Processing Station, Lansing MI, and Ms Glenda Scheiner from Maxwell-Gunter Annex in Montgomery AL. We look forward to working with these talented newcomers in the months

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